

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6 as follows:

Device 100 illustrated in the circuit diagram of FIG. 3 includes an inductive coil 122, a first battery voltage source 128, a second battery voltage source 124, a controller 160, and a switch 162. Circuit 100 essentially represents the basic electronic features of device 10. First battery voltage source 128 provides a voltage (V_{B1}) for powering controller 160, and second battery voltage source 124 provides a voltage (V_{B2}) that meets the power requirements of inductive coil 122. The switch 162 includes an input line A from the first voltage source 128, an input line B from the second voltage source 124, and a non-connect line (NC). The switch 162 is controlled by controller 160 via control line C to ~~facilitates~~ facilitate the combination of voltages from first and second battery voltage sources 128, 124 to generate a greater effective voltage output ($V_{B1} + V_{B2}$) for powering inductive coil 122. Typically, it is preferred to have the greatest voltage possible for powering inductive coil 122 to improve telemetry communication between device 100 and another device such as, for example, a separate controller or an implanted device.